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## Japan

### Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards

### Japan Proposing New MRLs for Benthiavalicarb-isopropyl and Bifenazate

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**Report Highlights:**

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If you would like to submit comments, please send them directly to MHLW at the following address by December 18, 2006:

Standards and Evaluation Division  
Department of Food Safety, Pharmaceutical and Food Safety Bureau  
Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare  
1-2-2 Chiyoda-ku, Kasumigaseki  
Tokyo 100-8916  
Fax: 03-3502-4868 (From the U.S. the entire number would be 011-813-3502-4868)

Or, if you would like your comments considered for inclusion in official U.S. Government comments, please send them well in advance of the deadline to [agtokyo@usda.gov](mailto:agtokyo@usda.gov).

The proposed changes will also be notified to the WTO at a later date.

#### Details from MHLW on the proposed changes

## Benthiavalicarb-isopropyl and Bifenazate in Food

### Purpose

This activity is to develop specifications and standards for foods. Under the provisions of Article 11, Paragraph 1 of the Food Sanitation Law, the Minister of Health, Labour, and Welfare may establish residue standards (maximum residue limits: MRLs) for agricultural chemicals (pesticides, feed additives, and veterinary drugs) that may remain in foods. Any food for which standards are established pursuant to the provisions is not permitted to be marketed unless such food complies with the established standards. On November 29, 2005 the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare issued notifications regarding the positive list system for agricultural chemicals in food (Notification Nos. 497, 498, and 499), which became effective on May 29, 2006. Basically, chemicals remaining in foods distributed in the Japanese marketplace must meet the residue standards.

### Outline of the Activity

**Benthiavalicarb-isopropyl (Fungicide):** This chemical is currently not permitted for use in Japan. At this time the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries will approve the chemical based on the Agricultural Chemicals Regulation Law. In response to MAFF's action, the MHLW will newly establish MRLs for this chemical (see Attachment 1).

**Bifenazate (Insecticide):** This chemical is already approved in Japan. MAFF will expand the scope of target crops for which the use of the chemical is permitted. In response to MAFF's action, the MHLW will additionally establish MRLs for some crops and revise some of the MRLs which are specified in the *Specifications and Standards for Food Food Additives, Etc* (see Attachment 2). Currently, MRLs for this substance appear in the "provisional MRLs list" in the *Specifications and Standards for Food, Food Additives, Etc.* (Part I "Food," Section A "General Compositional Standards for Food," Item 7) and the "MRLs list" (Item 6 of Section

A). By this activity, the MRLs in the "provisional MRLs list" will be deleted and they will be established in the "MRLs list" will be modified.

### Attachment 1

#### Benthiavalicarb-isopropyl (Fungicide)

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>MRL (draft) ppm</u>
Potato	.02
Chinese Cabbage	2.0
Onion	.02
Tomato	1.0
Cucumber(including gherkin)	0.5
Grape	2.0

### Attachment 2

#### Bifenazate (Insecticide)

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Draft (new)MRL ppm</u>	<u>Current MRL ppm</u>
Rice (brown rice)	.01	.02
Wheat	.01	.02
Barley	.01	.02
Rye	.01	.02
Corn (maize)	.01	.02
Buckwheat	.01	.02
Other cereal grains	.01	.02
Soybeans, dry	.01	.02
Beans, dry	.01	.02
Peas	.01	.02
Broad beans	.01	.02
Peanuts, dry	.01	.02
Other Legumes/pulses	.01	.02
Potato	.05	.05
Taro	.05	.02
Sweet potato	.01	.02
Yam	.05	.02
Konjac	.01	.02
Other potatoes	.01	.02
Sugar beet	.01	.02
Sugarcane	.01	.02
Japanese radish, roots (including radish)	.01	.02
Japanese radish, leaves (including radish)	.01	.02
Turnip, roots	.01	.02
Turnip, leaves	.01	.02
Horseradish	.01	.02
Watercress	.01	.02
Chinese cabbage	.01	.02
Cabbage	.01	.02
Brussels sprouts	.01	.02
Kale	.01	.02
<i>Komatsuna</i>	.01	.02

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Draft (new)MRL ppm</u>	<u>Current MRL ppm</u>
Japanese mustard spinach	.01	.02
Kyona	.01	.02
<i>Qing-geng-cai</i>	.01	.02
Cauliflower	.01	.02
Broccoli	.01	.02
Other cruciferous vegetables	.01	.02
Burdock	.01	.02
Salsify	.01	.02
Artichoke	.01	.02
Chicory	.01	.02
Endive	.01	.02
<i>Shungiku</i>	.01	.02
Lettuce (including cos lettuce and leaf lettuce)	.01	.02
Other composite vegetables	.01	.02
Onion	.01	.02
Welsh (including leek)	.01	.02
Garlic	.01	.02
<i>Nira</i>	.01	.02
Asparagus	.01	.02
Multiplying onion	.01	.02
Other liliaceous vegetables	.01	.02
Carrot	.01	.02
Parsnip	.01	.02
Parsley	.01	.02
Celery	.01	.02
<i>Mitsuba</i>	.01	.02
Other umbelliferous vegetables	.01	.02
Tomato	1	2
Pimiento (sweet pepper)	2	2
Eggplant	2	2
Other solanceous vegetables	2	2
Cucumber (including gherkin)	0.75	2
Pumpkin (including squash)	0.7	2.0
Watermelon	0.3	0.2
Melons	0.3	0.2
<i>Makuwauri melon</i>	0.75	0.75
Other cucurbitaceous vegetables	.01	2.0
Spinach	.01	.02
Bamboo shoots	.01	.02
Okura	2.0	2.0
Ginger	.01	.02
Peas, immature (with pods)	.01	.02
Kidney beans, immature (with pods)	.01	.02
Green soybeans	.01	.02
Button mushroom	.01	.02
<i>Shiitake</i> mushroom	.01	.02
Other mushrooms	.01	.02
Other vegetables	.01	25
Unshu orange, pulp	.02	.02
Citrus <i>natsudaaidai</i> , whole	0.7	0.7
Lemon	0.7	0.7

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Draft (new)MRL ppm</u>	<u>Current MRL ppm</u>
Orange (including navel orange)	0.7	0.7
Grapefruit	0.7	0.7
Lime	0.7	0.7
Other citrus fruits	0.7	0.7
Apple	2	2
Japanese pear	2	2
Pear	2	2
Quince	1	2
Loquat	1	0.75
Peach	2	0.2
Nectarine	2	2
Apricot	3	0.5
Japanese plum (including prune)	1	1
Ume plum	3	.02
Cherry	2	2
Strawberry	5	5
Raspberry	.01	.02
Blackberry	.01	.02
Blueberry	.01	.02
Cranberry	.01	.02
Huckleberry	.01	.02
Other berries	.01	.02
Grape	3	3
Japanese persimmon	1	2
Banana	.01	2
Kiwifruit	.01	.02
Papaya	2	2
Avocado	.01	.02
Pineapple	.01	.02
Guava	.01	.02
Mango	0.2	2
Passion fruit	.01	.02
Date	.01	.02
Other fruits	2	2
Sunflower seeds	.01	.02
Sesame seeds	.01	.02
Safflower seeds	.01	.02
Cotton seeds	1	0.75
Rapeseeds	.01	.02
Other oil seeds	.01	.02
Ginkgo nut	.01	.02.
Chestnut	0.2	0.2
Pecan	0.2	0.2
Almond	0.2	0.2
Walnut	0.2	0.2
Other nuts	0.2	0.2
Tea	2	2
Coffee beans	.01	.02
Cacao beans	.01	.02
Hop	15	15
Unshu orange, peel	10	25

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Draft (new)MRL ppm</u>	<u>Current MRL ppm</u>
Other spices (except <i>Unshu</i> orange, peel)	25	25
Spearmint	25	25
Peppermint	25	25
Other herbs except	25	25
Cattle, muscle	.01	.02
Pig, muscle	.01	.02
Sheep, muscle	.01	.02
Horse, muscle	.01	.02
Goat, muscle	.01	.02
Other terrestrial mammals, muscle	.01	.01
Cattle, fat	0.1	0.1
Pig, fat	0.1	0.1
Sheep, fat	0.1	0.1
Horse, fat	0.1	0.1
Goat, fat	0.1	0.1
Other terrestrial mammals, fat	0.1	0.1
Cattle, liver	.01	.02
Pig, liver	.01	.02
Sheep, liver	.01	.02
Horse, liver	.01	.02
Goat, liver	.01	.02
Other terrestrial mammals, liver	.01	.01
Cattle, kidney	.01	.02
Pig, kidney	.01	.02
Sheep, kidney	.01	.02
Horse, kidney	.01	.02
Goat, kidney	.01	.02
Other terrestrial mammals, kidney	.01	.01
Cattle, edible offal	.01	.02
Pig, edible offal	.01	.02
Sheep, edible offal	.01	.02
Horse, edible offal	.01	.02
Goat, edible offal	.01	.02
Other terrestrial mammals, edible offal	.01	.01
Milk	.01	.02
Chicken, muscle	.01	.01
Other poultry, muscle	.01	.01
Chicken, fat	.01	.01
Other poultry, fat	.01	.01
Chicken, liver	.01	.01
Other poultry, liver	.01	.01
Chicken, kidney	.01	.01
Other poultry, kidney	.01	.01
Chicken, edible offal	.01	.01
Other poultry, edible offal	.01	.01
Chicken, eggs	.01	.01
Other poultry, eggs	.01	.01
Raisin	2	1.2